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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Sir, are these herbs available for sale to Ayurvedic doctors and laymen who may require them?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : Yes, Sir. They are available for sale but now the demand is not so much.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is it a fact that a series of encorachments upon the property have taken place of late and may I know what measures the Government propose to take a evict the people who have encroached upon the property?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : There are no such encroachments so far as the information with the Government goes.

Sugar

*137 Q.—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN (on behalf of Sri M. Subbiah Chettiar): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether sugar is in short supply in the State; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to ensure adequate supply?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (a) No, Sir. 3-40 p.m.

(b) Does not arise.

Palayamcottah-Tirunelveli Co-operative Stores

*138 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) whether any memorandum dated 4th October 1961, from the President of the Palayamcottah-Tirunelveli Co-operative Stores about the alleged misappropriation of funds has been received by the Government; and

(b) if so, the action taken or prposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI N. NALLASENAPATHI SARKARAI MANRADIAR : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under investigation.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Sir, what is the amount involved?

THE HON. SRI N. NALLASENAPATHI SARKARAI MANRADIAR : Rs. 34,721·91 nP.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Since when has it been taking place?

THE HON. SRI N. NALLASENAPTHI SARKARAI MANRADIAR : 19th September 1960.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : What is the amount of misappropriation, and who are the persons involved, Sir?

THE HON. SRI N. NALLASENAPATHI SARKARAI MANRADIAR : It is under investigation by the C.I.D. This is not the proper time to give the answer.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Are there occasions when such acts have taken place in other parts of the State?

THE HON. SRI N. NALLASENAPATHI SARKARAI MANRADIAR : In one or two places.

Government advertisements

* 139 *Q.*—SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : Will the Hon. the Minister for Information be pleased to state—

(*a*) the criteria for giving Government advertisements to newspapers; and

(*b*) the names of papers to which Government advertisements were given during 1961–62?

THE HON. SRI G. BOOVARAGHAN : (*a*) The criteria governing the release of the Government advertisements to newspapers are as follows :—

(i) the circulation figures of the newspapers;

(ii) their tone and contents; and

(iii) the area or class of readers to whom a particular advertisement is directed.

(*b*) A list [a] is placed on the table of the House.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : Sir, on the basis of circulation, will the Government consider the question of giving advertisements to opposition party papers, particularly, Nam Nadu, Murasoli, Dina Thanthi, Urimaikural, Marumalarchi, and Mani Vilakku?

MR. CHAIRMAN : The hon. Member cannot recommend particular papers.

Questions are over.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

III.—ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(1) MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have received a message from the Governor of Madras recommending to the Madras Legislative Council the consideration of the Madras Appropriation Bill, 1062.

(2) MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have also received messages from the Hon. Speaker, Madras Legislative Assembly, transmitting copies of the following Bills as passed by the Assembly and signed by

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 485.

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